


ANNUAL REPORT

LOUDON, N.H.

for the year

1945





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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Town of Loudon

of the

**Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Highway Agents,
School Board, Librarian, Superintendent of
Schools, Library Trustees, Auditors,
Trustees of Trust Funds**

**For the Year Ending
DECEMBER 31, 1945**

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LOUDON CHURCHES

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, LOUDON RIDGE

REV. LLOYD OSBORNE — Tel. Belmont 2136

Morning Worship 10:45

Sunday School 12:00 Noon

Evening Praise Service 7:30

Weekly Prayer Meeting Fri. 7:30

BAPTIST CHURCH, LOUDON CENTER

Uniting with the Village Church during the winter months. Regular services will commence on Easter Sunday at 11:15 with a Candidate Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH LOUDON VILLAGE

ALVIN C. BACON, *Supply Pastor*

Church School 10:30 A. M.

Worship Service 11:00 A. M.

Ladies Aid Society Every Other Wednesday

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

Town Officers For 1945

MODERATOR

Martyn B. Kenney

SELECTMEN

Nathan P. Smith, *Chairman*

Benjamin E. Smith

Leonard S. Hill

TREASURER

Alice M. Perkins

TOWN CLERK

Jessie M. Cate

HIGHWAY AGENT

Everett O. Dow

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Joseph S. Cragin

BOARD OF EDUCATION

John F. Osborne, *Chairman*

Margaret C. Anderson

Dorothy G. Downes,

HEALTH OFFICER

Ruth B. Whitcomb, R.N.

CONSTABLE

William R. Howser

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Clayton L. Currier, *Chairman*

Arthur T. Anderson

Hiram W. Cate

FIRE CHIEF

J. Westly Robinson

TRUSTEES OF MAXFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Doris E. Sinclair, *Chairman*

M. Inez Lovering

Cora M. Ordway

LIBRARIAN

Marguerite E. Buzzell

SUPERVISORS

F. Lewis Merrill

George B. Brown

Josephine Woodward

REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT

Forrest B. Kenney

AUDITORS

John F. Osborne

Arthur T. Anderson

FIRE WARDENS

William R. Howser, *Warden*

Phone Canterbury 843

Benjamin E. Smith, *Deputy*

Phone Pittsfield 38-11

Gerald B. Smith, *Deputy*

Phone Canterbury 978

Wallace L. Sleeper, *Deputy*

Phone Belmont 2694

Edwin H. Sleeper, *Deputy*

Phone Belmont 2134

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Loudon in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Loudon on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,600.00 for Old Age Assistance.
4. To see if the Town will vote to allow 2% discount on all property taxes paid within thirty days after presentation of tax bill.
5. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.
6. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to increase each property owners' real estate valuation by 10% to recover valuation lost through anticipated Soldiers' Exemptions.
7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select-

men to take all necessary action to dispose of the Maxfield lot at public auction.

8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to convey by deed to the State of New Hampshire, certain premises which the town previously conveyed to Charles L. Merrill and since conveyed or to be conveyed by said Merrill to the State of New Hampshire.

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for State Aid Construction to complete the road from Route 106 at Lovering's Mill to the Canterbury line, the state to furnish \$10,000.00.

10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to bond the town for \$5,000.00, in serial notes maturing \$1,000.00 each year, to complete State Aid Construction.

11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to purchase a used tractor and plow.

12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to bond the town for \$3,000.00, in serial notes maturing \$1,000.00 each year, to purchase tractor and plow.

13. (By Petition) To see if the people will vote to have the selectmen cause to be erected on the site of the Center Church sheds, or some other suitable site, a building to house town road equipment, and to appropriate \$800.00 for same.

14. (By Petition) To see if the people will appropriate \$3,000.00 to purchase three surplus government trucks of suitable size, to work on roads and remove snow in season. Same to be purchased by the selectmen with the help of competent mechanics.

15. (By Petition) To see if the people will rescind the vote of articles authorizing the appointment of road agents by selectmen and to vote to elect one road agent annually.

16. (By Petition) To have the people nominate a committee of four persons to work with the selectmen to select a road agent for the ensuing year, on said town meeting day.

17. To see if the town will vote to rescind the vote of March 1942, closing the road from Pearl's Corner toward Cecil Stewart's.

18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the control of White Pine Blister Rust disease.

19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding one one-hundredth of one per cent ($1/100$ of 1%) of the assessed valuation based on the assessment of 1945 for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the town, together with other towns in Merrimack Valley Region Association, the sum of \$71.96.

20. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty four hundred dollars for the purchase of the piece of fire apparatus described under Declaration of Surplus Property No. 0063 DC namely a Ford $1\frac{1}{2}$ ton chassis with American-LaFrance 500 gallon pump installed together with various accessories.

It being understood that the Volunteer Firemen's Association will see that a suitable addition is made to the present fire station for the housing of the above mentioned apparatus together with the necessary equipment for heating the same.

21. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to bond the Town for the amount of twenty-four hundred dollars to cover the aforementioned appropriation.

22. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 8th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-six.

NATHAN P. SMITH,
BENJAMIN E. SMITH,
LEONARD S. HILL,

Selectmen of Loudon

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

NATHAN P. SMITH,
BENJAMIN E. SMITH,
LEONARD S. HILL,

Selectmen of Loudon

OUR COVER

Our cover is, appropriately enough, the map of our town; the two main arteries of travel are shown, Route 106 leading to Laconia and the White Mountains; the Old Stage Road leading to Gilmanton, and eventually some of the most beautiful ponds and lakes in New Hampshire. Both these routes join at Loudon Village and lead to Concord and the world of markets for our farm produce. Let us remember too, that many other country roads lead into these main streams of traffic to swell them with market bound vehicles carrying milk, poultry, eggs and cash crops which our farms produce so well.

On the map you see some of these crops and products as well as the hunting and fishing for which our town is famous. Our cover may be called advertising if you wish, but we in Loudon have much to advertise.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Loudon:

This 1945 report to you will, in some details, differ from those of the past. We will include a written report and a chart with each division of town government requiring a current maintenance expense. The report will deal with reasons and unusual factors that had a part in making the expense. The chart will show at a glance the cost of that division for the past four years, including 1945, and an estimate for 1946.

This report of your selectmen will discuss the overall picture of town government; will concern itself with taxes, property valuation, soldiers' exemption, and the post war tax future of our town.

Current Maintenance Expense

On Town Meeting Day you adopted a budget calling for an expenditure of \$31,609.89. The following is a brief summary of actual expenditures:

Total Payments for all Purposes \$46,228.13

From which must be deducted the following payments for which we were reimbursed or had other income.

Bounties	\$52.50
Damage by dogs	102.00
Gas Money	2,759.85
Digging Cellars	226.10
County Poor	613.88
Taxes bought by town	161.42
Loans, anticipation of taxes	10,000.00
Special Poll Taxes	183.00
Treas. of U. S.	30.00
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	\$14,128.75

Total Budget Expenditure	\$32,099.38
From which must be deducted refunds	338.14

Actual Budgeted Expense	\$31,761.24
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Taxes

We are all interested in a low tax rate. If the rate is fair and reasonable we can better afford to own property and others are attracted to our town in search of farms, homes, or possibly the location of some new industry. It is the earnest desire of your selectmen to maintain such a rate.

In Loudon, as in other country towns, many factors tend to raise taxes. Heavy all year use of cars and trucks has increased the cost of road maintenance; high school tuition, transportation of pupils, and increased teachers' salaries make more school funds necessary; and when our returning service men take the \$1,000.00 tax exemption which is their due, our valuations will decrease.

Soldiers' Exemption

It is the right of our returning soldiers to ask for and receive \$1,000.00 exemption on taxable property which they own. Our own boys, plus others who may buy or settle in town will be granted an estimated \$60,000.00 of exemptions. Let us consider what this will do to our valuation.

Property Valuation

In 1945 our real estate was valued at \$557,663.00 and our total taxable valuation was \$719,621.00. It would appear that our soldiers' exemption will approximate 10% of our real estate valuation. If nothing is done about it our tax rate will increase from \$0.50 to \$1.00 on \$100.00 of valuation.

The Post-War Tax Future

If we allow taxes to increase to this extent, property owners can no longer afford to live in Loudon; we will lose some of our civic pride; and, even more important, it will cost us many good hard-earned dollars.

There is an article in our 1946 Town Warrant authorizing the selectmen to raise all real estate valuations by 10% to absorb this expected increase in soldiers' exemptions. Property in Loudon is carried at a low figure compared to many other towns; this increase would treat all of us alike; and our tax rate should remain about the same. We urge your careful consideration of the recommendation.

It has been suggested that we look to the State for a solution of our tax problem, that we receive assistance in the form of more T. R. A. or Gas Money or more funds allocated to our schools. This may one day be necessary, but let us now "stand on our own two feet" and work out a simple, sensible solution to our post-war tax future.

NATHAN P. SMITH,
BENJ. E. SMITH,
LEONARD S. HILL,

Selectmen of Loudon

TOWN ROAD PLAN

as drawn by

LOUDON TOWN COMMITTEE

MAY 15, 1941

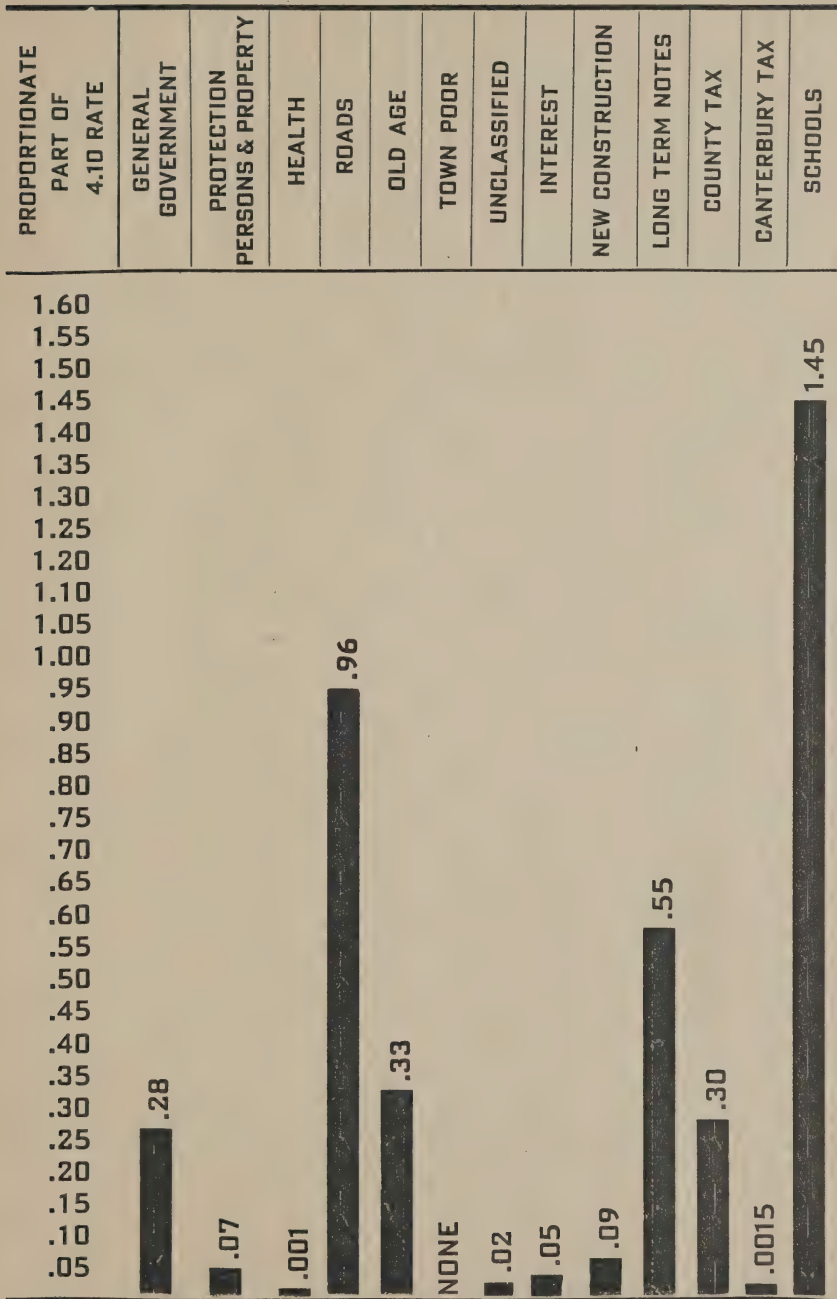
Legend

	GENERAL USE ROADS	18.60 MILES
	LOCAL SERVICE ROADS	62.79
	ROADS OF DOUBTFUL NECESSITY	NOW CLASS 5 2.60
		NOW CLASS 6 9.70
		DISCONTINUED 1.50
		TOTAL 95.19



APPROXIMATE SCALE IN MILES
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WHERE THE \$4.10 TAX ON \$100 OF VALUATION WAS SPENT



BUDGET OF THE

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the

Compared

Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1945	Estimated Revenue Ensu- ing Year 1946	Increase	Decrease
<i>From State:</i>				
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$161.29	\$200.00	.....	.....
Railroad Tax	11.98	11.98	.....	.....
Savings Bank Tax	684.48	700.00	.....	.....
Reimbursement a/c State and Fed- eral forest lands	10.25	10.25	.....	.....
T. R. A. Reimbursement	396.15	.....	.....	\$396.15
Refund O. A. A.	1,443.46	.....	.....	1,443.46
<i>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</i>				
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	2.00	.....	.....	2.00
<i>Income of Departments:</i>				
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment	599.56	600.00	.....	.....
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	799.28	850.00	.....	.....
†Cash Surplus	484.53	1,339.85	.....	.....
<i>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</i>				
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2....	522.00	522.00	.....	.....
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes ...	10.00	10.00	.....	.....
Total Revenues from All Sources Ex- cept Property Taxes	\$5,124.98	\$4,244.08	.....	\$1,841.61
*Amt. to be Raised by Property Taxes	.....	27,604.34	.....	.....
Total Revenues .....	.....	\$31,848.42	.....	.....

*Total estimated "Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

TOWN OF LOUDON

Ensuing Year January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946

with

Previous Year February 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1945	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1946	Increase	Decrease
<i>Current Maintenance Expense:</i>				
<i>General Government:</i>				
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,033.00	\$1,058.00	\$25.00	.....
Town Officers' Expenses	996.48	1,000.00	3.52	.....
Election and Registration Expenses	72.00	250.00	178.00	.....
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	38.40	125.00	86.60	.....
<i>Protection of Persons and Property:</i>				
Police Dept. — Dog Tax Coll....	56.95	50.00	.....	\$6.95
Fire Department	490.58	500.00	9.42	.....
Moth Extermination — Blister Rust Forest Fires	6.12	250.00	243.88	.....
<i>Health:</i>				
Health Department, including hos- pitals .....	.....	30.00	30.00	.....
Vital Statistics	7.00	15.00	8.00	.....
<i>Highways and Bridges:</i>				
Town Maintenance: Summer, Win- ter	3,800.00	4,000.00	200.00	.....
Street Lighting	351.96	351.96	.....	.....
General Expenses of Highway Dept. Bridges	2,112.38	2,000.00	.....	112.38
Winter Roads (V Plows)	69.70	250.00	180.30	.....
	821.07	1,500.00	678.93	.....
<i>Public Welfare:</i>				
Old Age Assistance	2,683.97	2,600.00	.....	83.97
<i>Interest:</i>				
On Temporary Loans	31.88	30.00	.....	1.88
On Long Term Notes	169.58	100.00	.....	69.58
<i>Indebtedness:</i>				
Long Term Notes	4,000.00	2,000.00	.....	2,000.00
<i>Payments to Other Governmental Di- visions:</i>				
Canterbury Tax	9.35	9.35	.....	.....
County Taxes	2,075.18	2,075.18	.....	.....
Payments to School Districts	11,318.35	13,553.93	2,235.58	.....
Total Expenditures	\$30,243.95	\$31,848.42	\$3,879.23	\$2,274.76

†Cash Surplus equals Excess of actual Cash on Hand at close of fiscal year over Current Liabilities, i.e., Balance of Appropriation due School District, Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes and Accounts Payable.

FINANCIAL REPORT
of the Town of Loudon in Merrimack County

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1945

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

NATHAN P. SMITH,
LEONARD S. HILL,
BENJAMIN E. SMITH,
Selectmen

ALICE M. PERKINS,
Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash (Includes \$1,443.46 refund O. A. A.) \$4,130.35

Accounts Due to the Town—

Due from State:

(b) State Treas., Hedgehog Bounties 52.50
Due from County 281.83

Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale on account of)

(b) Levy of 1944. 54.24
(c) Levy of 1943 39.28
(d) Previous Years 31.05

Uncollected Taxes:

(a) Levy of 1945 4,816.70
(b) Levy of 1944 100.40
(c) Levy of 1943 13.18
(d) Previous Years 4.00

Total Assets

\$9,523.53

Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)

6,660.15

Grand Total

\$16,183.68

Net Debt—December 31, 1944 \$11,515.47

Net Debt—December 31, 1945 \$6,660.15

Decrease of Debt \$4,855.32

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Due to State—Special \$3 Poll Taxes:

(a) Uncollected—due State when collected (1944 \$....) (1945 \$423) .. \$423.00
(b) Collected—not remitted to State Treas. (1944 \$174) (1945 \$813) .. 987.00

Due to School Districts:

(a) Dog licenses 138.65
(b) Balance of Appropriation 6,635.03

Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Union Trust Co. (Old Stage Road) 4,000.00

Trust Funds, Amount of Principal Used

by Town 4,000.00

Total Liabilities

\$16,183.68

Grand Total

\$16,183.68

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

Receipts

<i>Current Revenue:</i>	
<i>From Local Taxes: (Collected and remitted to Treasurer)</i>	
Property taxes — Current Year	\$24,776.53
Poll taxes — Current Year — Special @ \$2	522.00
Poll taxes — Current Year — Regular @ \$3	813.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	10.00
Total of Current Year's taxes collected and remitted	\$26,121.53
Property taxes — Previous Years	2,859.37
Poll taxes — Previous Years — Regular @ \$2	238.00
Poll taxes — Previous Year — Special @ \$3	357.00
Interest received on taxes	113.68
Tax sales redeemed and costs	324.29

From State:

<i>For Highways and Bridges:</i>	
(a) For Town Road Aid (Reimbursement)	396.15
(b) For Class V Highway maintenance	2,352.10
Interest and dividend tax	161.29
Railroad tax	11.98
Savings bank tax	684.48
Refund O. A. A.	1,443.46
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	10.25
Bounties	32.50

From County:

For support of poor	332.05
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Payments

<i>Current Maintenance Expenses:</i>	
<i>General Government:</i>	
Town officers' salaries	\$1,033.00
Town officers' expenses	996.48
Election and registration expenses	72.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	38.40
<i>Protection of Persons and Property:</i>	
Police department, including care of tramps	56.95
Fire department	490.58
Forest fires	6.12
Bounties	52.50
Damage by dogs	102.00
<i>Health:</i>	
Vital statistics	7.00
<i>Highways and Bridges:</i>	
Gas Money	2,759.85
T. R. A.	863.49
Joint Road Fund	781.14
Town Maintenance (Summer — \$3000) (Winter — \$800)	3,800.00
Street lighting and sprinkling	351.96
General Expenses of Highway Dept. ..	2,112.38
Winter Roads (V Plows)	821.07
Bridges	69.70
Digging Cellars	226.10
<i>Public Welfare:</i>	
Old age assistance	2,683.97
County poor	613.88
<i>Unclassified:</i>	
Taxes bought by town	161.42
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$18,099.99

From Local Sources, Except Taxes.

Dog licenses	260.65
Rent of town property	2.00
Income from departments — Highway Department	599.56
Registration of motor vehicles, 1944 Permits	3.87
Registration of motor vehicles, 1945 Permits	795.41
Total Current Revenue Receipts	<u>\$37,099.62</u>

Receipts Other than Current Revenues

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	10,000.00
Repair Driveways	203.21
Tar for Driveways	134.93
Excavating Cellars	226.10
Reimbursement, E. K. Jenkins	30.00
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	<u>\$10,594.24</u>
Total Receipts From All Sources ...	<u>\$47,693.86</u>

Cash on hand January 1, 1945	2,664.62
Grand Total	<u>\$50,358.48</u>

Interest:

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$31.88
Paid on long term notes	169.58
Paid on principal of trust funds used by towns	100.00
Total Interest Payments	<u>\$301.46</u>

Indebtedness:

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$10,000.00
Payments on long term notes	4,000.00

Total Indebtedness Payments \$14,000.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Special Poll Taxes @ \$3 paid to State Taxes paid to County	\$183.00
Payments to Precincts (Canterbury Tax)	2,075.18
Payments to School Districts	9.35
Payments to School Districts, Dog Tax	11,318.35
Treas. of U. S.	210.80
	30.00

Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions \$13,826.68

Total Payments for all Purposes ..	<u>\$46,228.13</u>
Cash on hand December 31, 1945	4,130.35
Grand Total	<u>\$50,358.48</u>

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$3,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	550.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	3,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	1,250.00
Equipment	1,750.00
Highway Equipment	5,500.00
Materials and Supplies	100.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	3,000.00
Equipment	500.00
All lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collectors' deeds	500.00
Total	\$20,850.00

SUMMARY INVENTORY Selectmen's Report

Polls, 455	
Real Estate	\$557,663
Horses, 90	8,510
Cows, 387	47,620
Neat Stock, 248	18,565
Sheep, 37	444
Hogs, 2	30
Fowls, 25,757	30,598
Wood and Lumber	8,800
Gasoline Tanks and Pumps	1,586
Stock in Trade	15,275
Aqueducts	2,300
Electric Plants	40,100

\$731,491

Soldiers' Exemptions	11,870
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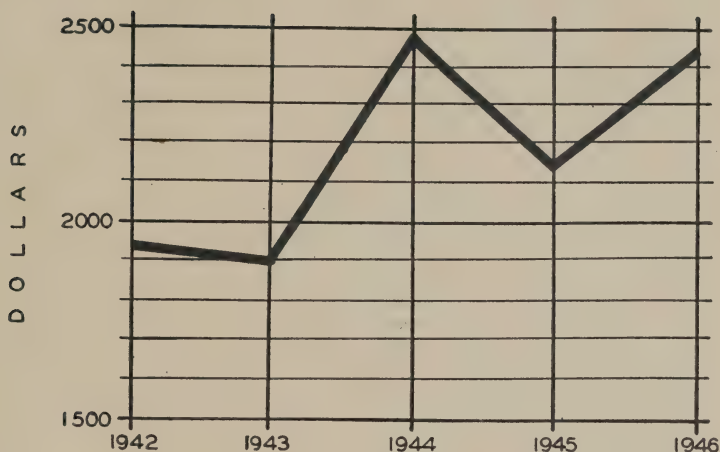
\$719,621

Tax Rate, \$4.10 per Hundred

Property Taxes Committed to Tax Collector	\$29,274.73
Poll Taxes	816.00
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	\$30,090.73

Detailed Statement of Payments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT



A total of \$2,139.88 was spent on this part of our town government in 1945. Our budget for 1946 includes an item of \$2,433.00 for this purpose. The increase is necessary because it is an election year and the Election and Registration expense will be greater. We have suggested that the Treasurer's salary be raised from \$75.00 to \$100.00. Two years ago, when the salaries of other town officers were adjusted, the treasurer remained the same. It seems fair to increase it at this time.

Town Officers' Salaries

Appropriated \$1,021.00

Jessie M. Cate, Clerk and Clerk of Board	\$120.00
Alice M. Perkins, Treasurer	75.00
Joseph S. Cragin, Collector	200.00
John F. Osborne, Auditor	4.00
Arthur T. Anderson, Auditor	4.00
Leonard S. Hill, Selectman	192.50
Robert E. Perkins Estate	134.17
Nathan P. Smith, Selectman	90.83
Benjamin E. Smith, Selectman	212.50
	<hr/> \$1,033.00

Town Officers' Expenses

Appropriated \$700.00

Leonard S. Hill, Expenses	\$22.10
Alice M. Perkins, Supplies	4.20
N. H. Assessors Association, Dues	2.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Supplies	25.40
Jessie M. Cate, Copying Records	10.00
Jessie M. Cate, Postage	23.46
Jessie M. Cate, Clerks' Meeting	5.00
Jessie M. Cate, Auto Permit Fees	95.25
Katherine Crowley, Conveyances	15.88
Vira M. Holmes, Listing Estates .....	.80
Allen M. Freeman, Bonds	96.00
Edson C. Eastman, Supplies	4.00
Evans Printing Co., Reports and Ballots	334.59
The Concord Press, Collector's Supplies	33.13
James Hackett, Stamps	6.00
N. H. City & Town Tax Collectors' Association ..	2.00
Joseph Cragin, Cost of Tax Sale	64.04
Harriman & Paige, Insurance	238.13
The U. S. Auto & Truck Guide	4.50
Jessie M. Cate, Invoices & Reports	10.00
	<hr/> \$996.48

Elections and Registrations

Appropriated \$100.00

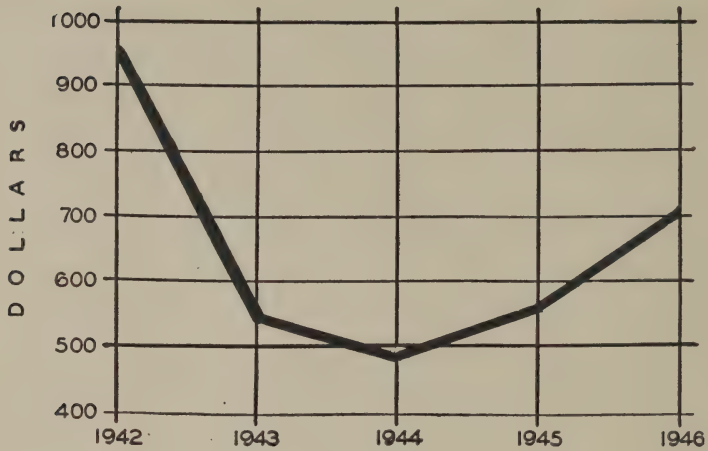
Josephine P. Woodward, Supervisor	\$16.00	
Frank L. Merrill, Supervisor	16.00	
George B. Brown, Supervisor	16.00	
M. B. Kenney, Moderator	4.00	
William Howser, Constable	4.00	
Robert Towle, Ballot Clerk	4.00	
S. Lester Tibbetts, Ballot Clerk	4.00	
S. O. Hill, Ballot Clerk	4.00	
Everett O. Dow, Ballot Clerk	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$72.00

Town Hall Expenses

Appropriated \$100.00

Public Service Co. of N. H., Lights	\$22.00	
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.	16.40	
	<hr/>	\$38.40

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY



In 1945 our Police Dept. cost \$56.95. Of this amount \$20.00 was the cost of collecting unpaid dog taxes, but for the second straight year all dog taxes in Loudon are paid. In addition to this our Constable has rendered courteous, conscientious service to the town.

Our Fire Dept. exceeded its budget of \$400.00 by \$90.58, but this was mostly due to an expense of \$152.94 for equipment. They have requested an increase of \$100.00 for 1946. It is a reasonable cost for the efficient fire protection provided.

Police Department

Appropriated \$15.00

Joseph Cragin, Supplies	\$70	
William Howser, Collecting Dog Taxes	20.00	
William Howser, Services	36.25	
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		\$56.95

Fire Department

Appropriated \$400.00

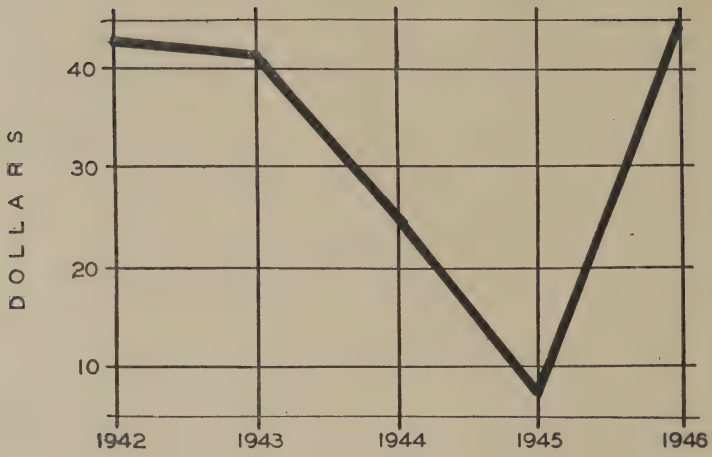
Public Service Company of New Hampshire	\$18.72	
Sanel Auto Parts, Supplies	27.03	
T. F. Arlin, Janitor	50.00	
Edson C. Eastman Co., Supplies	8.15	
Concord Hardware Co., Supplies	22.12	
Eagle Garage	1.80	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Supplies	109.60	
Manchester's Mart	5.69	
Joseph Cragin	4.89	
Colby Press	6.26	
Fire Protection Co.	14.35	
Eastman & Merrill Agency, Insurance	38.45	
Treasurer of the United States, Equipment	152.94	
Howard Arey, Gear Grease	1.00	
Wood Engineering Service	5.16	
C. R. Stevens	3.67	
New Hampshire Fire Insurance Co.	12.50	
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.	3.60	
Robert W. Haskel & Associates	4.65	
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		\$490.58

Forest Fire Department

Appropriated \$100.00

State Forester	\$6.12
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

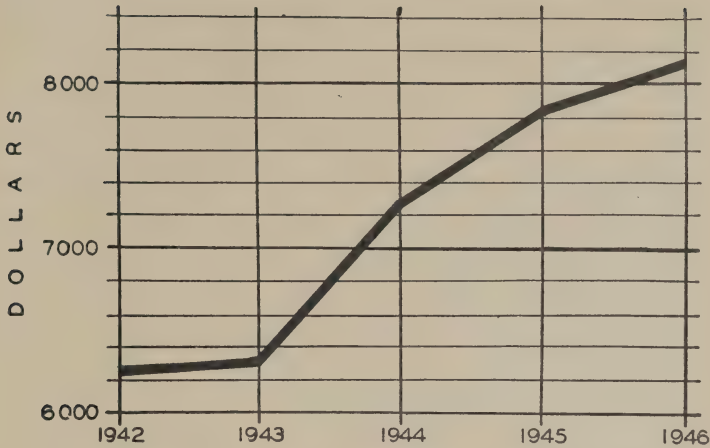


Vital Statistics

Appropriated \$40.00

Jessie M. Cate	\$7.00
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES



The graph shows that over a five year period the cost of this department had made a gradual increase with an estimated \$8,101.96 for 1946. Some of you may ask, "what do we get for our money?" for it is an easy thing to "find fault" with the roads. Your Road Agent has been faced with the difficult problem of securing men and equipment to do his job. The cost of those employed has increased because of war time conditions.

We have made use of the T. R. A. money available to the town during the war emergency to improve, grade, and tar three difficult hills. With the end of the war this money can no longer be used. It appears that we have about all the tar roads we can afford to maintain at the present. Nearly all the Gas Money must now be used each year to buy tar and spread sand. For a few years at least we should haul gravel, cut bushes, and improve our dirt roads instead of tarring new stretches of road to be maintained later.

General Expenses of Highway Department

Appropriated	\$1,000.00
Income from Highway Department	599.56
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	\$1,599.56
Osborne's Service Station, Repairs	\$116.60
Everett O. Dow, Gas, Labor, etc.	319.20
Cecil Pearl, Snow Removal	55.20
State Highway Dept., Wing for plow	88.59
Joseph Cragin, Gas, oil, etc.	88.13
Thompson & Hoague Co.	1.80
Gulf Oil Corp., Fuel	89.53
State of New Hampshire, Salt	58.00
C. R. Stevens, Repairs to road equipment	7.87
State Highway Garage, Repairs & parts	33.67
R. C. Hazelton Co., Tractor Parts, etc.	683.16
Chamberlain's Garage, Repairs	10.50
Harriman & Paige, Tractor & plow insurance ..	25.50
Lamora's Garage, Welding	6.00
Pelissier's Garage, Antifreeze & repairs	35.75
Willard Battery	18.50
Charles L. Merrill, Tar and Patching	178.40
Huckins Oil Co., Gas	39.80
Sanel Auto Parts, Parts	9.81
Roxey Stockwell, Gas	19.40
Victor Pearl, Rent	5.00
Hoagland's Auto Body	29.50
Riverside Garage, Gas & Repairs	20.33
Treas. State of N. H., Tar Patch	48.34
N. H. Explosive Co.	76.44
H. P. Maxfield, Bolts .....	.96
Page Belting Co.	13.15
John H. Walker, Snow Removal	5.25
Maurice Merrill, Repairs	16.00
E. H. Sleeper, Rent	12.00
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	\$2,112.38

Building Construction

Received from William Chesley	\$143.43	
Received from Robert Haines	51.34	
Received from George Smith	31.33	
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Total Receipts		\$226.10
 Paid State of New Hampshire (Digging 3 cellars)		 \$226.10

Gas Money

Received from State Treasurer	\$2,352.10	
Received from Refunds	590.70	
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Total Receipts		\$2,942.80
Paid State of New Hampshire		2,759.85
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Unexpended Balance		\$182.95

Joint Road Fund

1944 Balance in Treasury	\$190.69	
Driveway Repairs	203.21	
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		\$393.90
 Paid State of New Hampshire		
Tar	\$568.74	
Honing Town Roads	18.50	
Getting out sand	193.90	
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		\$781.14

Street Lighting

Apropriated \$381.29

Public Service Co. of New Hampshire	\$351.96
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T. R. A.

Appropriated \$863.49

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$863.49
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Town Maintenance

Appropriated \$4,000.00

Everett O. Dow, Summer & Winter Roads \$3,800.00

Winter Roads (V Plows)

Appropriated \$1,500.00

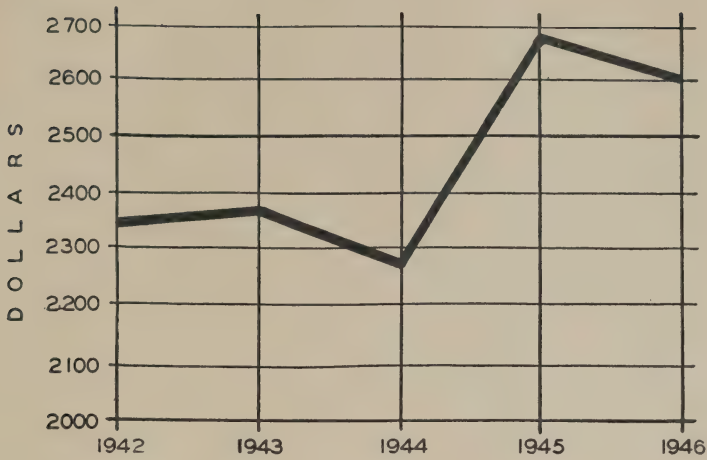
Everett O. Dow	\$294.00	
Robert E. Perkins	522.07	
Lester Tibbetts	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$821.07

Bridge Fund

Appropriated \$250.00

Karl Moore, Plank	\$33.70	
C. A. Pearl, Plank	36.00	
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PUBLIC WELFARE



For the past two years not one cent has been spent on Town Poor, but the cost of Old Age Assistance has increased to more than wipe out the saving to the town. With the increased cost of living and new cases being added it is likely this expenditure will continue to rise.

During 1945 the town recovered \$1,443.46 from Old Age Assistance. These funds are being held by the selectmen and they suggest their use to further reduce the long term debt.

Old Age Assistance

Appropriated \$2,500.00

State of New Hampshire	\$2,683.97
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UNCLASSIFIED

The \$102.00 dog damage was paid after careful investigation of all claims by the selectmen. This money is deducted from the dog tax, and the balance of this tax paid to the school treasurer.

The town acts as agent for the County Commissioners in the County Poor Accounts. We pay all bills and are reimbursed by the county upon presentation of all bills.

Dog Damage

Earle W. Cate	\$45.00	
Geo. E. Chandler	34.50	
Hattie Maxfield	22.50	
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		\$102.00

County Poor

Received from County	\$332.05	
Due from County	281.83	
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		\$613.88
Florence Emmons		
Joseph S. Cragin, Groceries	\$257.37	
E. H. Sleeper, Wood	128.00	
W. H. Mitchell, M. D.	31.00	
Helen L. Annis, Milk	60.24	
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		476.61
Chester Paige		
Joseph Cragin, Groceries	\$30.07	
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		30.07
Ted Smith		
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Grain	\$24.34	
L. A. Sanders, M. D.	5.00	
Manchester's Mart, Supplies	64.00	
J. C. Penney Co., Inc., Supplies	13.86	
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		107.26
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		\$613.88

Hedgehog Bounties

Leonard S. Hill	\$21.50	
Nathan P. Smith	12.00	
Benj. E. Smith	19.00	
	<hr/>	\$52.50

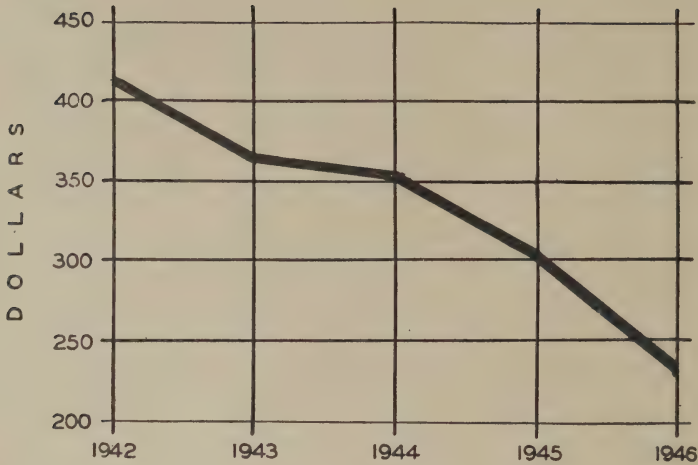
Taxes Bought By Town

Joseph S. Cragin, Collector	\$161.42
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Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes

Pittsfield Savings Bank	\$10,000.00
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INTEREST



Our interest costs decrease in direct proportion to our indebtedness. For this reason they have been cut nearly in half in the past five years. We hope this trend will continue.

Interest rates have become more favorable due to money conditions and the sound financial condition of our town. Ten years ago our money "hired in anticipation of taxes" cost 6%, now we are able to borrow at $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%.

The town would save some interest if the \$4,000 owed to the Maxfield Trust Fund was paid by money borrowed elsewhere. The interest is $2\frac{1}{2}\%$, but it is money paid ourselves. The Maxfield Library uses it to pay part of its maintenance.

Interest on Long Term Notes

Appropriated \$180.00

Union Trust Company	\$148.75	
First National Bank of Concord	20.83	
	<hr/>	\$169.58

Interest on Temporary Loans

Appropriated \$25.00

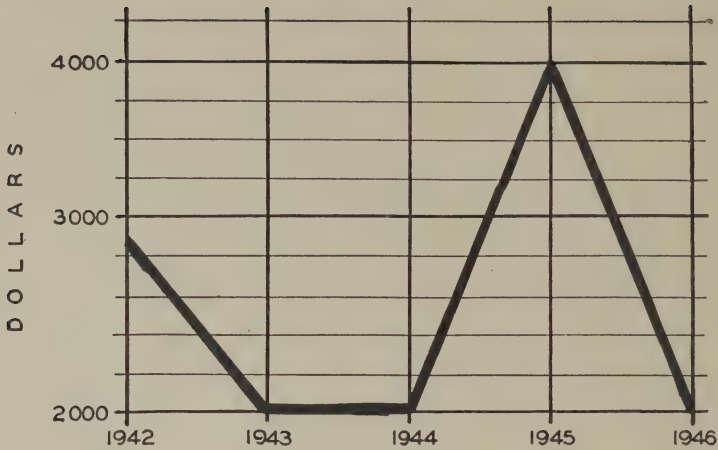
Pittsfield Savings Bank	\$31.88
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Interest on Principal of Trust Funds Used By Town

Appropriated \$100.00

Clayton L. Currier, Trustee	\$100.00
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INDEBTEDNESS



You will recall that after much discussion we voted at the 1945 Town Meeting to appropriate an additional \$2,000.00 to be used in the reduction of our Long Term Notes. This was done and these notes are now \$4,000.00 to the Union Trust Co. (Old Stage Road) and \$4,000.00 to the Maxfield Trust Fund.

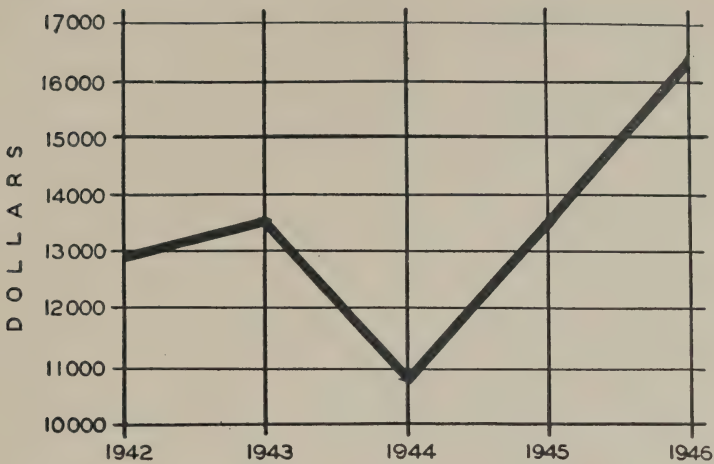
Your Selectmen suggest the \$1,443.46 Old Age Assistance refund plus a \$556.54 appropriation of town funds be used to pay \$2,000.00 to the Union Trust Co. If this suggestion is followed, our long term debt will have been reduced from a high of \$17,000.00 in 1942 to \$6,000.00 in 1946. Good sound business.

Long Term Notes

Appropriated \$4,000.00

First National Bank of Concord	\$1,000.00	
Union Trust Company	3,000.00	
		\$4,000.00

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

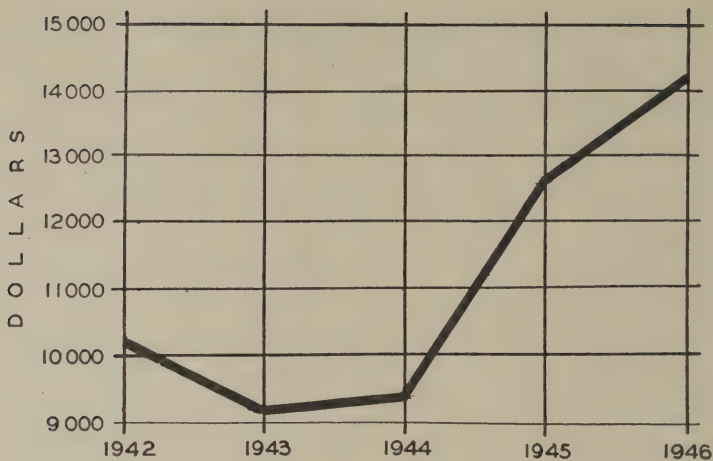


Our County tax this year was \$2,075.18 an increase of \$634.45 over 1944. It is probable that it will be still higher in 1946.

The members of the School Board have done their best to keep expenses down in this division of our town government taking the largest share of our tax dollar. Teachers' salaries were raised slightly, transportation of pupils increased, and high school tuition was the highest in the history of our town. They were granted an increased budget in 1945 and it will be even higher in 1946. There is little we, or they, can do to reduce expenses. Our children deserve the best education possible and we must pay the cost.

The increase in school costs has raised the tax rate \$0.80 on \$100 of valuation in the past two years. Your selectmen agree with the School Board that this was necessary, but it must not be allowed to continue. Neither our tax rate nor our taxpayers can absorb such yearly increases.

Payments to School Districts



Appropriated \$12,635.03

Laura G. Jenkins, Treas., Dog Licenses	\$210.80	
Laura G. Jenkins, Treas.	11,318.35	
		<u>\$11,529.15</u>



In Memoriam

Leonard Dickerson

Kenneth Dirth

Clifton C. Shaw

Leroy Smith

Harry L. Towle

William Welch

LOUDON POST, NO. 4405

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States



DISCHARGED

Bachelder, Albert B.
Barton, Norman L.
Batchelder, Lester P.
Batchelder, Walter J.
Bennett, Gordon E.
Bennett, James O.
Bryne, Leighton W.
Cameron, Christian
Chesley, William C.
DuMont, Carroll B.
Foster, Dean
Foster, Raymond W.
Frost, Arthur L.
Green, Horace
Green, Ralph
Guillow, Ernest J.
Haines, Robert C.
Hall, Chesley B.
Hogan, Edward
Harrison, John C.
Harrison, William G.
Hayward, Laura
Heath, Russell T.
Jenkins, Warren M.
Jenness, Alvin

Manchester, Wallace L.
Maxfield, Harry, Jr.
Maxfield, Wilbur S.
McLaughlin, Richard P.
Minard, Archie
Minery, James W.
McCoy, Herbert
McLaren, Robert F.
Morgan, E. Donald
Pierce, Emerson W.
Purrington, Ernest
Rice, Alden J.
Richardson, Winnifred M.
Rogers, Archie S.
Shaw, Charles A.
Smith, Paul E.
Smith, Harrison
Spooner, Bertrand L., Jr.
Stevens, Newell R.
Towle, Fred W.
Towle, Herman A., Jr.
Towle, Ira S.
Tucker, Harold
Wescott, Albert G.
Wescott, John H.



IN THE SERVICE

Cate, Earl, Jr.
Corliss, Edward
Corliss, Stanley
Cummings, George
D'Allessio, Paul
DeForrest, Wm. G.
Flanders, Floyd F.
Gage, Cedric A.
Hackett, Fred J.
Hill, Raymond S.
Hunt, Homer
Jenkins, Everett K., Jr.
Ladd, Mary E.
Ladd, Levi K., Jr.
Lampron, Walter
Paulson, Robert
Pitman, Dana A.
Rogers, Mary
Rogers, Joseph
Rogers, Malcolm G.
Rogers, William J., Jr.
Reardon, Daniel P.
Smith, Robert E.
Smith, Wayne S.
Symonds, George P.
Towle, Albert E.
Woodward, Oscar H., Jr.



Preamble to the
Constitution of The
American Legion . .

For God and Coun-
try, we associate
ourselves together for the following purposes:
To uphold and defend the Constitution of the
United States of America; to maintain law and
order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred
percent Americanism; to preserve the memories
and incidents of our associations in the great
wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obliga-
tion to the community, state and nation; to com-
bat the autocracy of both the classes and the
masses; to make right the master of might; to pro-
mote peace and good-will on earth; to safe-
guard and transmit to posterity the principles of
justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate
and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to
mutual helpfulness.

LOUDON POST NO. 88
The American Legion

County Taxes

Appropriated \$1,441.73

Alfred S. Cloues, Treas. \$2,075.18

Payments to Precincts

CANTERBURY TAX

Appropriated \$7.35

George C. Asby, Collector \$9.35

Special Poll Tax

Received from Joseph Cragin, Collector	\$1,170.00
1944 Polls	\$357.00
1945 Polls	813.00

Paid F. Gordon Kimball, Treas.	\$183.00
Due F. Gordon Kimball, Treas.	987.00
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	\$1,170.00

Special Payment

Received from Everett K. Jenkins	\$30.00
Paid Treasurer of the United States	\$30.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Auto Permits

Received from December 31, 1944 to December 31, 1945....		\$799.28
1944	\$3.87	
1945	795.41	
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	\$799.28	
Paid to treasurer		\$799.28

Dogs

Received from December 31, 1944 to December 31, 1945....		\$298.00
1944	\$12.00	
1945	286.00	
Paid licenses, tags, and postage	\$12.95	
Paid fees	24.40	
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	\$37.35	
Paid to treasurer		\$260.65

JESSIE M. CATE,
Town Clerk

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Levy of 1945

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$29,274.73
Poll Taxes, Regular @ \$2.00	816.00
Poll Taxes, Special @ \$3.00	1,278.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	10.00
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Total Warrant	\$31,378.73

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	41.00
Poll Taxes, Regular \$2.00	6.00
Poll Taxes, Special \$3.00	12.00
Interest Collected	1.88
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Total Debits	\$31,439.61

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Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$24,776.53
Interest Collected	1.88
National Bank Stock Taxes	10.00
Poll Taxes, Regular @ \$2.00	522.00
Poll Taxes, Special @ \$3.00	813.00
Discount Allowed	239.25
Abatements	260.25

Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:

Property Taxes	4,125.70
Poll Taxes, Regular @ \$2.00	268.00
Poll Taxes, Special @ \$3.00	423.00
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	\$31,439.61

Levy of 1944

Uncollected taxes of January 1, 1945:

Property taxes	\$2,922.48	
Poll Taxes, Regular @ \$2.00	246.00	
Poll Taxes, Special @ \$3.00	384.00	
Added Taxes	85.00	
Costs	61.24	
Interest	92.21	
	<hr/>	\$3,790.93
Total Remittances to treasurer	\$3,552.28	
Abatements	138.25	
Unpaid	100.40	
	<hr/>	\$3,790.93

1943

Unpaid	\$68.17	
Interest	3.99	
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Total Remittances to Treasurer	\$57.53	
Abated	1.45	
Unpaid	13.18	
	<hr/>	\$72.16

1942

Unpaid		\$6.00
Total Remittances to Treasurer	\$2.00	
Unpaid	4.00	
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	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Taxes Sold to Town	\$6.74	\$12.54	\$29.78	\$177.14	\$161.42
Interest Collected		2.40	2.86	9.09	1.25
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	\$6.74	\$14.94	\$32.64	\$186.23	\$162.67
Remittances to Treas.		\$8.74	\$14.53	\$146.95	\$108.43
Unredeemed Taxes	\$6.74	6.20	18.11	39.28	54.24
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	\$6.74	\$14.94	\$32.64	\$186.23	\$162.67

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1944 \$2,664.62

Received from State Treasurer:

Gas money	2,352.10
Reimbursement losses of taxes on public forest lands	10.25
Rent of grader	163.23
Snow removal	28.80
Bounties	32.50
Savings Bank tax	\$684.48
Railroad tax	11.98
Interest and dividend tax	161.29
	857.75
Reimbursement TRA	396.15
Refund OAA	1,442.68
Refund OAA .....	.78
County Commissioners, Poor Off Farm	332.05

JOSEPH S. CRAGIN, *Collector:*

SELECTMEN:

Redeemed taxes for 1941	6.34
Interest, redeemed taxes for 1941	2.40
 Redeemed taxes for 1942	 11.67
Interest, redeemed taxes for 1942	2.86
 Poll, 1942	 2.00
 Taxes for 1943	 47.54
Interest on 1943 taxes	3.99
Polls, 1943	6.00

SELECTMEN:

Redeemed taxes for 1943	137.86
Interest, redeemed taxes for 1943	9.09
 Taxes for 1944	 2,811.83
Interest on 1944 taxes	92.21
\$3.00 Polls, 1944	12.00
\$5.00 Polls, 1944	575.00
Cost on sales taxes, 1944	61.24

SELECTMEN:

Redeemed taxes for 1944	107.18
Interest, redeemed taxes for 1944	1.25
Taxes for 1945	24,776.53
Interest on 1945 taxes	1.88
\$3.00 Polls, 1945	30.00
\$5.00 Polls, 1945	1,305.00

JESSIE M. CATE, CLERK:

Dog Licenses for 1944	11.40
Dog Licenses for 1945	249.25
Auto Permits for 1944	3.87
Auto Permits for 1945	795.41
Pittsfield Savings Bank, Loan	10,000.00
First National Bank Stock Tax	10.00
E. K. Jenkins, Reimbursement General Expense Highway Dept.	30.00
E. K. Jenkins, Rent of hall	2.00

Snow Removal:

Town of Gilmanton	283.33
Town of Pittsfield	56.70
Town of Chichester	15.00
Dodge-Freedman	25.00

Repair of Driveways:

Hiram W. Cate	2.00
Evelyn Barton	5.00
Scott Howland	23.00
Alice M. Perkins	1.50
Edith Newbury	6.00
Walter F. Blanchard	4.00
Hazel Manchester	4.50
Robert Haines	1.50
Benjamin E. Smith, Grading	115.71
Laura Jenkins	36.00
Charles H. Parker	4.00

Tar For Driveways:

Alice M. Perkins	6.58
Laura Jenkins	105.31
Hiram W. Cate	8.58
Hazel Manchester	14.46

Excavating Cellars:

George W. Smith	31.33
Robert C. Haines	51.34
William C. Chesley	143.43
Pittsfield Fair Association, rent of grader	22.50
Lester Tibbetts, use of tractor	5.00

Total receipts	\$50,358.48
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Total orders	\$46,228.13
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Balance on hand, December 31, 1945	\$4,130.35
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"ALICE M. PERKINS,
Treasurer

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

State Treasurer, Tarmac, Power Shovel, Trucks, Road Toll	\$527.90
Everett O. Dow, Truck, Mower, Labor	1,506.48
Archie Green, Tractor, Labor	66.03
Gerald Smith, Tractor	2.00
Kenneth Pearl, Truck	11.00
Lewis Merriill, Truck	12.00
Deane French, Truck	7.50
Arnold Storrs, Labor, Team	25.00
Benjamin Smith, Labor, Truck	30.33
William Osgood, Labor, Truck	63.72
Karl Moore, Labor, Truck	32.89
John Osborne, Labor, Truck	46.89
C. A. Pearl, Labor, Truck	78.60
R. I. Dubeau, Labor	421.21
Fred Blake, Labor	58.32
John Rice, Labor	3.00
Albert Batchelder, Labor	14.00
George Delano, Labor	35.00
E. B. Westgate, Labor	27.21
Raymond French, Labor	61.17
Alger Sherman, Labor	5.00
Cecil Pearl Labor	35.55
Hiram Dolph, Labor	178.37
Charles Welch, Labor	11.11
Jack Kendall, Labor	11.11
Clayton Currier, Labor	29.45
Wallace Sleeper, Labor	5.00
Robert Ordway, Labor	3.33
Joseph Mulkhey, Labor	3.33
John Selvey, Labor	20.56
Chester Page, Labor	18.33
James Cate, Labor	2.78
Henry Hanson, Labor	22.78
James Hardy, Labor	77.57
C. C. Merrill, Labor	8.33
Albert Pitman, Labor	22.22
George Brown, Labor	19.70
Russell Osborne, Labor	5.00
Robert Towle, Labor	7.22
Jack Towle, Labor	7.22

Clarence Bachelder, Labor	22.22
N. H. Pearl, Labor	2.50
Kenneth Osborne, Labor	11.67
James Montgomery, Labor	2.78
Archie Minard, Labor	73.97
Walter Minard, Labor	25.43
B. K. Kelso, Labor	25.00
Ralph Shaw, Labor	17.97
Collector Internal Revenue, Withholding Tax	16.70
Joseph Gallien, Gas for grader	23.73
R. C. Hazelton, Supplies	4.65
Maurice Merrill, Welding	3.50
Frank Lamora, Welding	5.00
Bank Service Charge	3.34
F. F. Potter, Sand	7.30
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1944	138.56
Received from Selectmen	3,800.00
Received Refund	19.70
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Total	\$3,958.26
Expended	3,769.97
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1944	138.56

EVERETT O. DOW,
Road Agent

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Loudon on December 31, 1945

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1932	Dickerman Cemetery Fund, E. Gertrude	Loan and Trust Savings Bank	42883	50.00	"	8.00	1.16	None ..	9 16
1932	Dickerman Cemetery Fund, Irene A. Hamblett	" " "	"	100.00	"	24.06	2.49	1.00	25.55
1933	Wales Cemetery Fund, E. S. Wales Heirs.	" " "	43048	50.00	"	16.17	1.32	None ..	17.49
1933	Drake & Foster, Cemetery Fund	New Hampshire	43456	100.00	"	None	2.00	2.00	None
1933	Frank M. Ladd Trust Fund	Loan & Trust	101530	100.00	"	27.56	2.54	5.00	24.90
1935	Ivyana Foster Cemetery Fund	"	43526	300.00	"	31.85	6.69	2.00	39.54
1937	Cora I. Brown, " Mable	Union Trust Company	44605	100.00	"	11.77	2.22	1.00	12.99
1939	Joseph Ross, " F. Smith	Loan & Trust Savings Bank	46855	100.00	"	11.81	2.22	None ..	14.03
1939	Harrington & Clough, Cemetery Fund	Union Trust Company	41101	300.00	"	24.24	6.50	2.00	28.74
1941	Hattie Lake, Chamberlain and Wiggin Cemetery Fund	"	28487	100.00	"	4.12	2.08	1.00	5.20
1942	Levi W. and Lucratus M. Sanborn Fund	Loan & Trust Savings Bank	29062	200.00	"	11.22	4.22	None ..	15.44
1944		"	51052	100.00	"	None ..	1.67	1.00	1.67
Totals				\$20,987.67		\$1,003.33	\$148.07	\$413.82	\$1,042.58

CLAYTON L. CURRIER,
ARTHUR T. ANDERSON,
HIRAM W. CATE,

Trustees of the Trust Funds

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 1945 this department responded to twenty six calls. None of these developed into anything that would be termed serious though several of them might have done so if prompt action had not been taken. Luckily this section of the state experienced a so-called spring brush fire season that held much less threat of woods fires than usual because of enough rain at regular intervals to keep the woods from becoming "tinder dry."

The Ladies' Auxiliary has been helpfully active during the year, sponsoring many worthwhile activities and entertainments for membership enjoyment, profit, and community helpfulness. Among the latter being the diphtheria toxoid clinics which took care of over ninety-five children throughout the town. The membership has substantially increased and it is the earnest desire of those in charge that all interested become affiliated for still greater help and enjoyment in the future.

Two worthwhile gifts during the year were most welcome. First, two hundred and fifty feet of 2½" factory fire hose increases the distance that water may be delivered. A collapsible ladder being the second, will facilitate work on roofs, in attics and tight places of all descriptions.

An order has been placed with the government for considerable fire equipment that was put into service under the Office of Civilian Defense. This equipment which includes hose, ladders, and so forth has been used but very little, some not at all, and the cost is absurdly low. It is hoped and expected that this material will be turned over to us in the near future.

From their own funds the Firemen's Association purchased a Pacific-Marine portable pump together with the necessary suction hose and strainer. This can be easily

carried into the woods or to the water wherever it may be and water pumped when it would otherwise be impossible to do so.

Though not furnishing physical assistance during the disastrous Alton Bay fire last August this department became a link in the Radio Communication Chain that was put into operation when other systems failed.

A Canterbury exchange telephone has been recently installed which now makes available lines on both this and the Chichester exchange thereby covering a much greater area directly. This number will be listed in the new spring issue of directories.

A warning and a plea. A Christmas tree today MAY be a holocaust tomorrow, a tiny spark in the wrong place MAY cause a conflagration, a chimney fire tonight MAY be an attic fire in the morning. We sincerely hope you NEVER need us but call promptly IF you do.

J. WESTLY ROBINSON,

Chief

PREVENT FOREST FIRES—IT PAYS

An average of 7,300 acres of woodland are burned over by forest fires in New Hampshire each year destroying many thousand dollars worth of property of all descriptions. It costs many additional thousands of dollars and requires valuable man hours, taken from other essential work, to extinguish them. These losses affect the personal fortunes of the owners and town and state economies. Everyone loses because of them.

Analysis of fire causes reveal the fact that more than 98 percent of all forest fires are, consistently, the result of human carelessness and are preventable!

We have been extremely fortunate during the past few

years. Favorable fire weather and war time restrictions on travel which kept people off the highways and out of the woods have aided materially in reducing fire risks, keeping fires fewer and fire losses low.

We now face changed conditions. People can travel freely. Their love for travel and the freedom of the woods will bring them out in ever increasing numbers. This will step up fire risks materially. The accelerated cutting of the war years has resulted in additional thousands of slash acres. These factors, combined with a possible dry season and human carelessness could easily produce a catastrophe. Everyone must, consequently, be on their guard. They should

1. Be careful with fire or when smoking in or near woodlands.
2. Cooperate with the local forest fire warden and his deputies by
 - a. Abiding cheerfully with whatever restrictions it may be necessary to impose. They are intended only to be helpful.
 - b. Securing permits to burn debris when the ground is not covered with snow.
 - c. Seeing that others comply with requirements.
 - d. Promptly coming to the warden's assistance when needed.

If these few fundamental practices are followed it will be possible to PREVENT a large proportion of FOREST FIRES from starting. — that PAYS!

1945 Fire Record

Number of fires	1
Acreage burned	10
No. of fire permits issued	12

WILLIAM R. HOWSER,
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

1944-1945

Since appointed as Health Officer I have made three official calls.

Two visits to homes because of improper health conditions.

One visit to investigate conditions for approval of Boarding Home for State Board of Public Welfare.

Many calls have been received by phone for advice in homes where there were contagious diseases.

Called by local School officials as to what should be done about communicable diseases in school.

Received report from State Board of Health Nurse that eleven pre-school children attended Toxoid Clinic.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. WHITCOMB, R.N.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Town of Loudon, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1945

The Committee has met regularly at the Maxfield Library on the last Friday evening of each month. During the winter months the meeting has been held during the regular Library hours on the last Saturday evening of the month.

The Committee has compiled a mailing list of Loudon veterans, offered its services to employers and to veterans seeking employment, has kept a list of property for sale, and arranged for memorials and ceremonials. The Honor Roll located on the Maxfield Public Library grounds was conceived, erected and maintained under the direction of Mr. Herman Towle.

The Committee gratefully acknowledges his services and wishes to acquaint the citizens and veterans of the time and the effort Mr. and Mrs. Towle have spent in keeping the Honor Roll embanked in flowers.

With the assistance of a citizen's committee \$213.90 was collected from public donations. \$34.00 was realized from the sale of salvage paper. Secretary Chesley with the aid of the public school children made the paper collection. \$56.22 was transferred from the 1944 Christmas Box Drive.

In 1945 25 boxes were sent overseas; 14 boxes were sent to U. S. addresses; costing \$84.08.

<i>Received</i>		<i>Expenses</i>
\$213.90		\$84.08
34.00		
56.22	Postage and Printing	38.97
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\$304.12		\$123.05
	Balance on Hand	\$181.07

ARTHUR T. ANDERSON, *Chairman*

WILLIAM CHESLEY, *Secretary*

MRS. HELEN MCCOY, *Treasurer*

E. K. JENKINS

JAMES MONTGOMERY

REPORT OF TRUSTEES of the Maxfield Public Library

Receipts

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1945

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1945	\$167.42
Jan. 1 Dividend on Savings Account	2.87
Jan. 22 Income from Trust Funds	243.82
Mar. 3 Interest on Bond	12.50
Aug. 31 Interest on Bond	12.50
Sept. 28 Gift from Loudon Surprise Grange-Home and Com- munity Welfare	10.00
1946	
Jan. 1 Dividend on Savings Account	2.97
Jan. 11 Interest Town of Loudon (1000.00 note)	100.00
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	\$552.08
Total expenditures to Dec. 31, 1945	384.20
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	\$167.88

Expenditures

Service charge—National State Capital Bank	\$56
Marguerite E. Buzzell, salary and janitor services	195.75
Anna Hanson, care of Ridge Branch	15.00
Mrs. Charles Parker, care of Center Branch	5.00
Mrs. Grace B. Towle, care of East Branch	5.00
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	13.04
Mrs. S. B. Hall, Magazines	48.45
Paul E. Lampron, care of Maxfield lot	3.00
William Ordway, care of Maxfield lot	5.00
Hiram Cate, rent on safe deposit box No. 542	2.40
William J. Rogers, wood	18.00
Robert Thrower, shoveling snow	1.50
Benjamin E. Berry, wood	56.75
American Red Cross	1.00
Marguerite E. Buzzell, books	10.00
Marguerite E. Buzzell, lawn	3.75
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Total Expenditures to Dec. 31, 1945	\$384.20

The trustees of the Library greatly appreciate the gift of a collection of books given by Mrs. Ada Virgin Batchelder of Concord. The collection consists of a wide selection and will be catalogued and placed at the disposal of the readers of our town.

DORIS E. SINCLAIR,
M. INEZ LOVERING,
CORA M. ORDWAY,

Trustees of Maxfield Public Library

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN
of Maxfield Public Library
For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1945

Receipts

Balance in hands of Librarian Dec. 31, 1944	\$18.64
Fines	7.24
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Total	\$25.88

Expenditures

Office Supplies and Postage	\$1.09
Robert Ordway, shoveling snow50
Work done in basement	2.50
Work done in Library	1.00
Bulbs for Library	1.05
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	\$6.14
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Balance in hands of Librarian Dec. 31, 1945	\$19.74

Resources

No. of Volumes January 1, 1945	4,572
No. of Volumes purchased	8
No. of Volumes added by gift	227
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Total	4,807

Circulation

No. of Magazines at Main Library	30
No. of Magazines received at branches	4
No. of Borrowers at Main Library and Branches	400
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No. of Volumes of Fiction	5,526
No. of Volumes of non-fiction	157
No. of Periodicals	2,378
No. of Juveniles	940
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Total	9,001
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Circulation of the branches	1,858

Magazines at Main Library

Air Force Magazine (gift)	Nature
American	New England Homestead
Better Homes and Gardens	New Hampshire Troubadour (gift)
Children's Activities	Pageant (gift)
Country Gentlemen	Parents' Magazine
Coronet (gift)	Popular Mechanics
Field and Stream	Plane Talk (gift)
Good Housekeeping	Read (gift)
Grange Magazine (gift)	Reader's Digest
Health	Red Book (gift)
High Road (gift)	Saturday Evening Post
Ladies Home Journal (gift)	Time Weekly News
Life	Wee Wisdom
McCall's	Western Stories (gift)
National Geographic	Woman Home Companion (gift)

Branch Librarians

CENTER BRANCH

Mrs. Myrtle Parker

EAST BRANCH

Mrs. Grace Towle

RIDGE BRANCH

Mrs. Anna Hanson

Magazines at Branches

EAST BRANCH

American
National Geographic

RIDGE BRANCH

American
Good Housekeeping

We are indebted to the following for books, magazines, pamphlets and papers: Mrs. Addie Edmunds, Walter Page, Mrs. Dorothy Downes, Mrs. Jessie Cate, William Chesley, Mrs. Grace Maynard, Mrs. Mamie Hackett, Mrs. Everett Jenkins, Mrs. Inez Lovering, Carl Sinclair, Mrs.

Beatrice Annis, Mrs. Josephine Woodward, Mrs. Pauline Hill, Miss Ellen Kenney, Mrs. Myrtle Parker, Mrs. Miah Tucker, Mrs. Marguerite Buzzell, Mrs. Ada Virgin Batchelder of Concord, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Woodward, Sr., Mrs. Blanche Eastman, C. J. Marston, Chesley Heywood, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ortlepp, Mrs. Margaret Anderson, State Board of Health, N. H. State Development Commission, Secretary of State, New Hampshire University, Young People's, Editor Mitchell of Pittsfield for The Valley Times, Home and Community Welfare of the Grange and the Juvenile Grange.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE E. BUZZELL,
Librarian

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify we have examined the accounts of the selectmen, town treasurer, town clerk, library trustees, tax collector, trustees of trust funds, and road agents, according to instructions of tax commissioner's auditor for the year ending December 31, 1945 and find them correctly kept and properly vouched.

JOHN F. OSBORNE,
ARTHUR T. ANDERSON,
Auditors

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

February 1, 1946

School Board

John F. Osborne, *Chairman* Term expires March 1946
Margaret Anderson Term expires March 1947
Dorothy G. Downes Term expires March 1948

District Officers

MODERATOR

Martyn B. Kenney

TREASURER

Laura G. Jenkins

CLERK

Helen N. Kenney

AUDITORS

Helen M. Lowe

Doris E. Deering

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

F. Lester Trafton

Office in the Summer Street School Building, rear entrance, Penacook. Office is open on all school days from 8:30 to 12:00 and from 1:15 to 4:30. Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00. Appointments for conference with the Superintendent can be made through the Clerk, Emma S. McGirr. N. E. Phone 48.

TEACHERS

Helen M. Lowe	Brown
Althea F. French	Osborne
Bertha M. Mulkhey	Pearl
Helen N. Kenney	Ridge
Alice H. Marston	Village Grammar
Ethel M. Barney	Village Primary
Sybil Pease	White

SCHOOL NURSE

Ruth B. Whitcomb, R.N.
209 South Street, Concord, New Hampshire
Phone 2098

TRUANT OFFICER

Alice M. Perkins

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the town of Loudon qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the twelfth day of March, 1946, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To see if the district will vote to insure the school buildings and raise and appropriate the necessary money for the same.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Loudon this 12th day of February, 1946.

JOHN F. OSBORNE,
MARGARET C. ANDERSON,
DOROTHY C. DOWNES,

School Board

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1946-47

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1946.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools

	<i>High Schools</i>	<i>Elementary Schools</i>
Teachers' Salaries	\$7,500.00	
Text Books	250.00	
Scholars' Supplies	250.00	
Flags and Appurtenances	12.00	
Other Expenses of Instruction	60.00	
Janitor Service	245.00	
Fuel	564.00	
Water, Light, Janitors' Supplies	160.00	
Minor Repairs and Expenses	500.00	
Health Supervision (Med. Inspection)	425.00	
Transportation of Pupils	2,694.60	
Other Special Activities	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$12,685.60

Other Statutory Requirements

Salary of District Officers	\$189.00
Truant Officer and School Census	25.00
Payment of Tuition in High Schools and Academies	5,180.00
Superintendent's Excess Salary	291.67
Per Capita Tax	376.00
Other Obligations imposed by law or established by district	244.00
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	\$6,305.67

Total amount required to meet School Board's budget	<hr/> \$18,991.27
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Estimated Income of District

State Aid (December 1946 Allotment) (Estimate)	\$4,600.00*
Dog Tax (Estimate)	138.00
Income from Trust Funds (Estimate)	30.00
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Deduct Total Estimated Income (Not Raised By Taxation)	\$4,768.00
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Assessment Required to Balance School Board's Budget	\$14,223.27

JOHN F. OSBORNE,
MARGARET C. ANDERSON,
DOROTHY G. DOWNES,

School Board

*This is an estimate. No definite figure for State Aid is available at this time. We hope to have exact figures before the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

From State:

Equalization (State Aid)	\$4,662.10
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From Selectmen, raised by taxation:

Raised March, 1944	\$9,318.35
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From Sources Other Than Taxation:

Dog Licenses	\$210.80
Elementry school tuitions	177.00
Income from local trust funds	61.95
Other receipts—Refund	10.36

Total	\$460.11
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Total receipts from all sources	\$14,440.56
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Cash on hand, July 1, 1944	1,771.53
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Grand Total	\$16,212.09
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Payments

Administration:

Salaries of district officers	\$187.00
Superintendent's excess salary	247.93
Truant officer and school census	26.84
Expenses of administration	191.78
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	\$653.55

Instruction:

Principals' and teachers' salaries	\$7,000.13
Text books	254.44
Scholars' supplies	200.70
Flags and appurtenances	3.36
Other expenses of instruction	34.41
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	\$7,493.04

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

Janitor service	\$239.40
Fuel	431.25
Water, light, janitors' supplies	131.38
Minor repairs and expenses	480.06
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	\$1,282.09

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

Medical inspection	\$414.40
Transportation of pupils	2,429.60
High school and academy tuition	3,339.47
Other special activities	14.18
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	\$6,197.65

Fixed Charges:

Tax for state wide supervision	\$380.00
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Outlay for Construction and Equipment:

New Equipment	\$68.40
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Total Payments For All Purposes	\$16,074.73
Cash on hand, June 30, 1945	137.36
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Grand Total	\$16,212.09

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on hand:

Balance June 30, 1945	\$137.36
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LIABILITIES

Excess of assets over liabilities	\$137.36
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Grand Total	\$137.36

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Loudon of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

DORIS DEERING,
HELEN LOWE,

Auditors

July 7, 1945.

Payments in Detail

SALARIES OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

Doris Deering	\$2.00	
Helen N. Kenney	2.00	
Dorothy G. Downes	52.00	
John F. Osborne	52.00	
Margaret C. Anderson	52.00	
Laura G. Jenkins	25.00	
Martyn Kenney	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$187.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Alice F. Keneval, Treasurer	\$247.93
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TRUANT OFFICER AND SCHOOL CENSUS

Alice M. Perkins	\$25.00	
R. E. Lane	1.84	
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EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION

Scott, Foresman & Co.	\$00.18	
Brown & Saltmarsh	10.00	
Laura G. Jenkins	5.06	
National State Capital Bank .....	.56	
Penacook School District	152.13	
John F. Osborne	3.00	
Margaret C. Anderson	3.00	
Dorothy G. Downes	17.85	
	<hr/>	\$191.78

PRINCIPALS' AND TEACHERS' SALARIES

Thelma B. Grant	\$1,075.00	
Ethel M. Barney	1,050.00	
Alice H. Marston	1,000.00	
Sybil G. Pease	1,000.00	
Helen N. Kenney	975.00	
Helen M. Lowe	950.08	
Althea F. French	950.05	
	<hr/>	\$7,000.13

TEXT BOOKS

Macmillan Co.	\$17.65
Harcourt, Brace & Co.	2.11
Rowe, Peterson & Co.	2.01
World Book Co.	9.00
J. B. Lippincott Co.	2.66
Laidlaw Brothers	15.37
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.	1.26
Allan & Bacon	15.59
Ginn & Co.	74.47
John C. Winston	26.84
Sybil G. Pease	6.18
Scott, Foresman & Co.	27.74
American Book Co.	3.71
American Education Press	32.00
Arlo Publishing Co.	4.69
Beckley Cardy Co.	13.16
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	\$254.44

SCHOLARS' SUPPLIES

Edward E. Babb & Co.	\$112.80
Laidlaw Brothers	46.88
Macmillan Co.	18.83
Ginn & Co.	7.07
Scott, Foresman & Co.	2.43
American Education Press	10.15
Allyn & Bacon	2.54
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	\$200.70

FLAGS AND APPURTENANCES

Edward E. Babb & Co.	\$3.36
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OTHER EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION

Ginn & Co.	\$.99
Allyn & Bacon	1.58
Edward E. Babb & Co.	4.55
J. L. Hammett Co. ....	.79
Doris Adams	15.00
Roscoe Lovering	2.00
Mildred Lampron	2.00
Loudon Surprise Grange	7.50
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	\$34.41

JANITOR SERVICE

Thelma B. Grant	\$68.40	
Alice H. Marston	34.20	
Sybil G. Pease	34.20	
Helen N. Kenney	34.20	
Helen M. Lowe	34.20	
Althea F. French	34.20	
	<hr/>	\$239.40

FUEL

Benj. E. Berry	\$324.00	
Karl Moore	25.00	
Albin Sanborn	5.00	
John F. Osborne	47.40	
William J. Rogers	18.00	
Charles W. Hill	10.00	
Ralph Marston	1.75	
	<hr/>	\$431.25

WATER, LIGHTS AND JANITOR SUPPLIES

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$65.16	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	5.70	
George W. Sumner	3.12	
Cragin's Market	1.18	
Dickerman & Co.	14.05	
I. E. DuPont DeNemours	17.68	
Waxine Company	10.39	
Dorothy G. Downes	14.10	
	<hr/>	\$131.38

MINOR REPAIRS AND EXPENSES

Concord Lumber Co.	\$9.69	
Thompson & Hoague	25.38	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	20.78	
Rodd Roofing Co.	245.00	
Mrs. S. F. Pitman	5.00	
Emma J. Kenney	22.50	
Roscoe Lovering	4.20	
Edith Brown	2.50	
Elsie Moody	4.00	
Rena Osborne	5.00	
Laura Jenkins	10.00	

Harlan Downes	107.20	
Lettie Delano	1.50	
H. O. Koford	12.50	
A. H. Britton Co.	1.00	
A. Perley Fitch Co.	4.31	
	<hr/>	\$480.06

MEDICAL INSPECTION

Ruth B. Whitcomb	\$414.40
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TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS

Eva V. Morin	\$1,012.80	
Oscar E. Clark	518.40	
Mary Maxfield	374.10	
Earl W. Gove	108.50	
Ethel M. Barney	72.00	
Hiram W. Cate	29.40	
Caleb Marston	26.00	
Ford Smith	32.00	
Perley Ordway	26.40	
Paul Lampron	10.00	
Chichester School District	220.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,429.60

HIGH SCHOOL AND ACADEMY TUITION

Union School District, Concord	\$1,759.47	
Belmont School District	180.00	
Pittsfield School District	1,400.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,339.47

OTHER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Haggett's Sport Shop	\$14.18
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PER CAPITA TAX

F. Gordon Kimball	\$380.00
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NEW EQUIPMENT

Laura G. Jenkins	\$65.00	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	3.40	
	<hr/>	\$68.40

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1945

Cash on hand June 30, 1944 \$1,771.53

Received from Selectmen:

Appropriations for current year	\$9,318.35
Dog tax	210.80
Income from trust funds	61.95
Received from State Treasurer, State Aid	4,662.10
Received from all other sources	151.36
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	\$14,404.56

Total amount available for fiscal year \$16,176.09

Less School Board orders paid 16,038.73

Balance on hand as of June 30, 1945 \$137.36

LAURA G. JENKINS,

District Treasurer

July 5, 1945.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Loudon, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945 and find them correct in all respects.

DORIS DEERING,

HELEN LOWE,

Auditors

July 7, 1945.

Roll of Perfect Attendance

Pupils not absent or tardy for the School Year Ended June 30, 1945

Donald Cate (6 years)	Village Grammar
Carol DuMont	White
Barbara Jean French	Osborne
Emerson L. Moore (8 years)	Ridge
Priscilla A. Osborne	Osborne
Patricia T. Perkins	White
Carroll R. Towle	Osborne
Dennis A. Towle (3 years)	Osborne
Diana M. Towle	Osborne

Graduates From the Eighth Grade

June 1945

Stella F. Annis	Village Grammar
Richard R. Achland	Village Grammar
Charles H. Cate	Village Grammar
Sarah J. Chesley	Village Grammar
Ray S. Cragin	Ridge
Virginia Cummings	Village Grammar
Carol DuMont	White
Roger Edson	Village Grammar
Esther M. Flanders	Brown
Robert J. Flanders	Brown
Doris R. Greene	White
Pauline M. Ladd	White
Jennie Merrill	White
Emerson L. Moore	Ridge
Priscilla Osborne	Osborne
Ruth B. Rice	Village Grammar
Marion L. Sleeper	Ridge
Clara E. Smith	Pearl
John Towle	Osborne
O. Conrad Trulson	Ridge

Pupils in Secondary Schools, Fall Term, 1945

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL

Frances Annis	Shirley Marston
Colleen Ashland	Shirley Morin
Richard Ashland	Joseph Mulkhey
Doris Bane	Robert Ordway
Maurice Bennett	Beatrice Ramsdell
Muriel Bennett	George Rice
Charles Cate	Janet Rice
Edith Cate	Ruth Rice
Sarah Chesley	Elizabeth Ricker
Virginia Cummings	Pauline Smith
Ellena Hill	Sally Stevens
Paul Lampron	Herman Towle
Joanne Marston	Conrad Trulson
Ralph Marston	Dorothy Weymouth

PITTSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Celina Chamberlain	Paul Merrill
Carol DuMont	Emerson Moore
Esther Flanders	Ernestine Moses
Robert Flanders	Kenneth Osborne
Raymond French	Priscilla Osborne
Doris Greene	Rachel Osborne
Pauline Ladd	Clara Smith
Elizabeth Merrill	Laura Spooner
Jennie Merrill	Elliot Towle
Elsie Merrill	John Towle

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Daniel L. Moore

Attendance Table for the School Year Ending June 30, 1945

SCHOOLS	Length of school in weeks	Whole No. of different pupils registered			Average daily attendance	Average daily absence	Average daily membership	Percent of attendance	No. of cases of tardiness	No. of visits by Superintendent	No. of visits by School Nurse	No. of visits by School Board	No. of visits by citizens and others.	No. of pupils not absent or tardy
		Total	Boys	Girls										
Brown.....	36	13	7	6	12.288	.711	12.999	94.525	40	4	2	2	45	0
Osborne.....	36	10	4	6	9.931	.068	9.999	99.319	0	4	2	0	63	5
Pearl.....	36	23	16	7	17.604	1.867	19.741	90.411	18	3	6	2	21	0
Ridge.....	36	18	10	8	15.330	1.828	17.158	89.341	51	4	2	2	15	1
Village Grammar.....	36	35	16	19	25.485	4.114	29.599	86.098	149	3	7	2	14	1
Village Primary.....	36	37	23	14	26.373	4.640	31.013	85.085	22	2	11	2	17	0
White.....	36	22	10	12	19.975	2.024	21.999	90.796	22	5	4	0	25	3
Entire District....	36	158	86	72	126.481	15.242	141.723	89.240	302	25	34	10	200	10

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1946-1947

Second term of 7 weeks opened Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1946

Second term closed Friday, Feb. 15, 1946

Vacation one week

Third term of 8 weeks opens Monday, Feb. 25, 1946

Third term closes Friday, Apr. 19, 1946

Vacation one week

Fourth term of 6 weeks opens Monday, Apr. 29, 1946

Fourth term closes Friday, June 7, 1946

Summer vacation

First term of 16 weeks opens Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1946

First term closes Friday, Dec. 20, 1946

Vacation two weeks

Second term of 7 weeks opens Monday, Jan. 6, 1947

Second term closes Friday, Feb. 21, 1947

Vacation one week

Third term of 7 weeks opens Monday, Mar. 3, 1947

Third term closes Friday, Apr. 18, 1947

Vacation one week

Fourth term of 6 weeks opens Monday, Apr. 28, 1947

Fourth term closes Friday, June 6, 1947

Schools will be closed on Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after, and Memorial Day.

Births Registered in the Town of Loudon, for the Year Ending December 31, 1945

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JESSIE M. CATE, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Loudon, for the Year Ending December 31, 1945

Date of marriage	Place of marriage	Name and surname of groom and bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Age	Color of each	Place of birth of each	Names of parents	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married
1945								
May 11	Lawrence, Mass.	Owen G. Burr	Loudon	23	W	Canada	William Burr Alma Jones	George S. Stone, Clergyman Lawrence, Mass.
		Barbara M. Moore	Loudon	19	W	Loudon	Karl C. Moore	
June 25	Penacook	Walter J. Batchelder	Loudon	35	W	Loudon	Inez Osborne Otis S. Batchelder	F. J. Maney, Priest Penacook
		Irene F. Cournoyer	Concord	30	W	Concord	Alfred Cournoyer	
Sept. 2	Pittsfield	George L. Fiske	Loudon	30	W	Shrewsbury, Vt.	Alma Pencence Noah Fiske	George F. Sturtevant, Minister Pittsfield
		Betty C. Ashley	Pittsfield	18	W	Pittsfield	Ora Ridlon George M. Ashley	
Oct. 25	Loudon	Albert E. Towle	Loudon	25	W	Franklin	Alice Humphreys Herman A. Towle	Lloyd Osborne, Minister Loudon
		Marilyn A. O'Brien	Brooklyn, N. Y.	18	W	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Elizabeth I. Welch William O'Brien	
Nov. 2	Loudon	George J. Carpenter	Lakewood, R. I.	23	W	Pawtucket, R. I.	Mabel Kepler George Carpenter	Lloyd Osborne, Minister Loudon
		Rita L. Smith	Loudon	20	W	Loudon	Idella Wilder Rolf P. Smith	
Dec. 25	Pittsfield	Alfred M. Carson	Pittsfield	21	W	Pittsfield	Myra S. Bryne Charles B. Carson	Joseph F. Colby, Minister Pittsfield
		Ruth L. Blake	Loudon	19	W	Loudon	Eva B. Morgan Jeremiah I. Blake Lucy C. Bailey	

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Deaths Registered in the Town of Loudon, for the Year Ending December 31, 1945

Date of death	Place of death	Name and surname of the deceased	Age.			Place of birth	Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days			
1945								
Jan. 27	Loudon	John S. Edmunds	63	7	25	Concord	William A. Edmunds	Caroline Haley
Feb. 24	Loudon	Mary E. Edmunds	61	10	18	Loudon	George G. Brown	Jane L. Paul
March 17	Concord	Harry Barton	0	0	28	Pittsfield	David Barton	Olive Minard
April 5	Concord	Bertha L. Stevens	79	11	25	Loudon	John I. Huckins	Emma Harper
May 1	Loudon	Beza L. Eastman	65	7	9	Vermont	Beza L. Eastman	Luzania Welch
May 5	Loudon	Bert E. Towle	82	5	6	Loudon	Charles H. Towle	Charlotte A. Moore
July 19	Loudon	Ethel C. Currier	65	4	22	Loudon	Loren S. Clough	Abby Weeks
Aug. 7	Loudon	Robert E. Perkins	33	1	12	Loudon	William O. Perkins	Inez P. Dimond
Sept. 11	Concord	Mary I. Chamberlain	88	8	1	Manchester	Leonard Haselton	Mary A. Howe
Sept. 16	Loudon	Lura Cate	93	0	16	Concord	Jacob P. Wheeler	Lurana Jackman
Oct. 16	Laconia	Cora E. Brown	80	5	2	Sutton	Daniel Couch	
Nov. 23	Manchester	Ira W. Stone	71	11	22	Pittsfield	Warren Stone	Mary Lovering

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Deaths of Servicemen Registered in the Town of Loudon, for the Year Ending December 31, 1945

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex and condition			Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days		Sex	Color	Single, mar. or wid.		
Feb. 26, 1943	Germany	Sgt. William F. Welch ..	25	3	11	Dorchester, Mass.	M	W	S	Frederick W. Chadwick ...	Elizabeth I. Welch
Aug. 5, 1944	LaBaume, France.	Sgt. Kenneth D. Dirth ..	23	4	20	West Lebanon	M	W	M	Fred J. Dirth	Catherine Dodge
Aug. 11, 1944	Normandy, France	Cpl. Leroy A. Smith ...	24	11	16	Drewsville	M	W	S	Robert L. Smith	Ines M. Porter
Dec. 31, 1944	— Italy	Sgt. Harry L. Towle ...	23	2	8	Loudon	M	W	M	Herman A. Towle	Elizabeth I. Welch
Feb. 22, 1945	Iwo Jima	Pfc. Clifton C. Shaw ...	20	11	11	Swampscott, Mass. ..	M	W	S	— Wilson	Edith N. Shaw
Nov. 28, 1944	Province of Lorraine, France ..	Pvt. Leonard E. Dickinson	32	0	9	Woodbridge, Conn. ...	M	W	M	Stanley L. Dickinson ...	Signa C.

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